

REMARKS

In this preliminary amendment, the claims of the international application have been rewritten to Americanize the writing style, to delete multiple dependencies, and to simplify the claim language. The changes to the claims are unrelated to patentability. Claims 8 - 12 correspond to claims 1, 3, 5, 6, and 7 of the international application, which were determined to have novelty and include an inventive step in the International Preliminary Examination Report.

In addition, the title, which was selected by the International Bureau, has been amended so as to be a more accurate translation of the original Japanese text.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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